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FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

The GHSLA had its Thirteenth Meeting, April 11-13, 1984, at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, GA and was most successful. For the first time we had several exhibitors. Our membership enjoyed their exhibits and greatly appreciated their contributions toward our coffee breaks and the reception. We had several excellent guest speakers who spoke on DRG's, Integrated Systems for Health Sciences Libraries, and a report from Janice Kelly, Resources Sharing Coordinator, from The Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services in Baltimore. We also had a most enlightening panel of four speakers on Computer Innovations in Georgia Health Sciences Libraries. In all, our program was stimulating, interesting and informative. We are now in the process of planning our program for next year. If you have any special interest, please do not hesitate to let me know.

We are very happy to report that Miriam Libbey, former Chairman of GHSLA, is now recuperating at home. Drop a line to her at the following address: 1269 Beachhaven Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30324.

Southeastern/Atlantic RMLS Plans for 1984

I have recently had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association in Savannah. It was a very informative meeting on DRG's; IAIMS; and automation in libraries. The hospitality and warm Georgia weather combined to make it a wonderful trip.

For those who could not attend I will briefly relate some of the Southeastern/Atlantic RMLS plans for 1984 that I discussed at the luncheon. As you know there are four program areas, each with specific goals. In support of those goals are the following plans for 1984:

- Consultation Program
- Develop a registry of qualified consultants
 - Train new consultants and provide updates for experienced consultants
 - Develop guidelines and fee schedules for the consultation process
 - Market consulting services
 - Promote networking models on state & local levels
 - Provide grant assistance
 - Provide online demonstrations
- Training Program
- Offer the "core" courses at least once in every state
 - Train local instructors
 - Offer new and revised core courses and plan new courses for experienced librarians upon request
 - Provide end-user training
 - Access educational needs in each state with the assistance of local organizations
- Resource Sharing Program
- Access the value of union lists in increasing local borrowing and lending by surveying Region 2 basic health sciences libraries.
 - Encourage state and local union list of serials and participation in SERHOLD
 - Publish the 1984 Region 2 Union List of Serials
 - Participate in DOCLINE, an automated inter-library loan system
 - Establish the use of electronic mail in the region
 - Help resolve interlibrary loan problems

- Administration and Public Relations - Publish SEA Currents
- Exhibit at meeting of health professionals and health science librarians
 - Publish brochures, facesheets, guides and manual
 - Attend state meetings of health sciences libraries
 - Publish directories

As you can see there is much activity going on at the RMLS Office. We hope you can share in some of our programs by either lending your support and expertise to help us successfully fulfill each of the four program areas or by helping us tailor our program to the needs of your state.

Janice Kelly
Resource Sharing Coordinator

THE MICRO COURSE

Computer Fundamentals and Applications for Small Libraries was presented by Dr. Robert M. Mason at the annual meeting in Savannah. Dr. Mason is founder and president of Metrics Research Corporation. He is a graduate of MIT and Georgia Tech and has taught at both institutions.

Since 1975, Dr. Mason has devoted the major portion of his time to counseling, researching the economics of information and planning and management of new information technology. His monthly column, "Mason on Micros" appears in the Liberty Journal.

The course covered the potential benefits and pitfalls of using computers; computer fundamentals and comparisons of micros, minis and main frames. An overview of hardware and software with applications for libraires was presented. Guidance in selection of system and vendor was an informative portion of the course featuring an exercise to determine size of computer needed. Management issues and the importance of staying current were the final topics. The course concluded with the awarding of certificates for MLA credit.

Dr. Cooper Speaks at GHSLA Meeting

William Cooper, Associate Director for Planning and Acting Associate Director for Extramural Affairs at the National Library of Medicine, addressed the Georgia Health Science Library Association at its annual meeting in Savannah. Dr. Cooper's talk focused on the Integrated Academic Information Management Systems (IAIMS) projects sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

IAIMS uses computer and communication technology to bring together and integrate academic and operational information in an institution (for example, professional practice, research, management and education information). The integration of these various types of information requires very detailed planning. NLM is currently funding four institutions to develop plans for IAIMS and serve as prototypes. The contracts have been awarded to Columbia University, Georgetown, University of Maryland, and University of Utah. The Oregon Health Sciences University is receiving money through a special Congressional appropriation to develop a biomedical communications center. Part of the appropriation will be distributed through NLM for the development of the IAIMS in Portland.

The institutions chosen for the contract awards had demonstrated experience in technological innovation, a financial commitment to develop an IAIMS, (including a senior level leadership commitment), and institutional-wide involvement with a possibility for organizational change. The awards to the four IAIMS institutions total \$1,159,391. The institutions contribute 70% of the IAIMS funding, to NLM's 30%.

The estimated timetable for the IAIMS project is as follows:

1. Strategic planning - 1-2 years
2. Development of models 2-3 years
3. Implementation of prototypes 3-5 years

The IAIMS institutions are currently developing their strategic plans. The plans will include a background and forecast; a self-study assessment; management goals and policies on information, including accessibility, how to access the information, confidentiality, ownership, quality control, security, standard-

TELNET QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return this questionnaire indicating your level of interest in TELNET programs so that the committee can effectively plan.

What type of institution does your library serve?

Hospital _____

Medical School _____

Other (please specify) _____

Does your institution have TELNET? () Yes () No
(Georgia Hospital Association's telephone talkback network)

Would you be interested in taking an MLA course offered over TELNET? () Yes () No

Please indicate interest in particular courses using number 1 to indicate the most interest, the number 10 the least interest:

CE 310-Drug and Pharmaceutical Information Resources _____

An introduction to searching the pharmaceutical literature

- understanding drug nomenclature
- conducting the reference interview
- formulating search strategies
- developing a pharmaceutical collection

CE 350-Literature of Allied Health _____

A bibliographic guide to allied health literature

- identifying the needs of practitioners
- developing collections in a number of allied health fields
- locating the materials
- providing audiovisual resources

CE 352-Government information Resources _____

A bibliographic guide to government information documents for health sciences libraries

- understanding the Federal document system
- planning a documents collection
- organizing the collection
- providing reference service

CE 433-Health Care Planning and Administration: Information Resources and Online Searching _____

A guide to searching the health care planning literature; designed for librarians with some online searching experience or training

- understanding the terminology of health care planning
- identifying manual and online resources
- formulating search strategies
- developing problem solving techniques

STATE UNION LIST: PROS AND CONS

Does the GHSIA want a statewide union list? A union list can be produced through the University of South Carolina School of Medicine database.

Arguments for a state union list are as follows:

1. A significant number of GHSIA libraries are already in the USC database.
2. A state union list would help facilitate cooperative collection development among GHSIA members.
3. A state union list would be kept up-to-date more easily than the regional list.
4. A state union list would promote strong ILL lending within the state; libraries with restrictions on lending could document their policies at the beginning of the list.

However, some negative points have been raised about the state union list:

1. The state union list would duplicate the regional list.
2. The state union list might become obsolete within the next several years because of MEDLARS III and DOCLINE.
3. Some GHSIA libraries have restrictions on lending.

The yearly cost to individual libraries to join the database is currently \$50 for libraries with 50 or fewer titles; \$75 for 51-200 titles; \$150 for 201-500 titles; \$200 for 501-1000 titles; and \$500 for over 1000 titles.

The only other cost to individual libraries is a one time initial fee of \$50; however, this fee would be waived with participation in the NLM Region 2 SERHOLD Project.

An individual library that pays the annual maintenance fee would be entitled to a printed copy of its own holdings list and a microfiche copy of the state union list.

The method of entering a library's holdings into the USC database consists of preparing a list of journal titles annotated with the appropriate holdings information and five-digit journal codes supplied by USC. Titles do not need to be in any special order; however, holdings information, (volume numbers and years), must be in the format specified by USC.

For further information, contact:

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Sauls Memorial Library
Piedmont Hospital
Atlanta, GA 30309
404/350-3305

or Jocelyn Rankin
Medical Library
Mercer University
Macon, GA 31207
912/744-2519

The ballot below should be returned to Alice at the above address by July 1.

I am in favor of a state union list produced through the University of South Carolina.

_____yes _____no

I will participate in the state union list, and I am also able to make the necessary financial commitment during the 1984 calendar year provided that the Executive Committee and the University of South Carolina come to an acceptable agreement.

_____yes _____no

CE 451-Online Search Optimization

A guide to conducting more efficient and effective online searching

- understanding searching terminology
- describing the telecommunication systems
- investigating common searching errors
- evaluating the search procedure

CE 454-Neoplasia

A guide for searching the cancer related literature; intended for librarians with some online searching experience or training

- understanding oncology terminology
- communicating effectively with medical specialists
- conducting the search interview
- formulating search strategies

CE 520-Descriptive Cataloging in Health Sciences Libraries

The principles and practices of descriptive cataloging (AACR2) in small and medium sized libraries; includes in-class problem-solving session

- specifying the elements of bibliographic description
- using cataloging tools
- investigation automation and AACR2
- integrating AACR2 into your library

CE 524-MeSH and NLM Classification

A refresher course designed to sharpen skills in assigning NLM classification and medical subject headings (MeSH) to health sciences materials

- formulating the cataloging strategy
- identifying cataloging sources
- developing a subject authority file
- converting LC cataloging copy to NLM classification

CE 562-Serials Selection and Management

A basic level course in the selection, acquisition and management of a serials collection

- developing a collection
- utilizing serials record systems
- formulating policies and procedures
- evaluating the collection
- designing cooperative serials programs

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CE 536-Patient Education

A guide to developing patient education libraries
in the hospital setting

- .determining user needs
- .identifying program exemplars and resources
- .selecting and organizing a collection
- .developing a program in your library

CE 638-Consumer Health Information Services

An overview of consumer health information
(CHI) resources and services for health

- sciences and public libraries
- .assessing the role of the library
- .designing a CHI program
- .developing a collection
- .forging cooperative CHI systems
- .determining trends in medical consumerism

RETURN BY JUNE 30 TO:

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ization, who has authority, and who can use it. Dr. Cooper especially stressed the importance of the information policy formulation on IAIMS development.

The institutions are developing their own IAIMS scenarios. The areas chosen for emphasis among the IAIMS institutions are organizational management, education and information access, network management, clinical information linkage, and a bio-medical communications center.

It is NLM's hope that the IAIMS institutions and the plans currently underway will serve as models for others who wish to develop similar systems. The future is upon us! Watch for publications on the IAIMS plans.

GAIN

GAIN, the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information, was the topic of a presentation by Jocelyn Rankin and Jean Williams at the annual GHSLA meeting in Savannah. GaIN is a computer-based networking project currently being funded by a National Library of Medicine Resource Project Grant.

The presentation included a discussion of the rationals behind the project including the strong influence of the AAMC Report on Academic Information in the Academic Health Sciences Center. The network is made up of health practice sites, hospital libraries, and a central resource at the Mercer University School of Medicine Library. Services to be available on the network are an on-line union

catalog of GaIN resources, a consultants register, a continuing education file, Information for Patient Management (an electronic mail LATCH system), connection to bibliographic databases, and electronic messaging.

A conference for GaIN members and others interested will be held at MUSM on May 17 on the subject of "Introduction to the Use of Computers in Medical Office Management." For announcements of these and other network developments, you can ask to have your name added to the GaIN newsletter mailing list by contacting Jocelyn Rankin at the Medical Library, Mercer University, School of Medicine, Macon, Georgia 31207.

Electronic Mail for GHSLA Interlibrary Loan Requests

Electronic mail is being used by many health science libraries for transmittal of interlibrary loan requests. Medline terminals or microcomputers are typically used to access an electronic mail network. The advantages in sending ILL requests this way are efficiency and cost effectiveness.

The GHSLA membership has expressed much interest in this area of technology. Comments in the GHSLA survey on automation projects and discussion at the annual meeting in Savannah are resulting in a pilot project using Ontyme. Libraries in the Atlanta Health Science Library Consortium and in the Health Science Libraries of Central Georgia consortium are forming groups to join CLASS, the broker for Ontyme. Mercer Medical Library is also planning to begin using Ontyme through CLASS in July; Emory and the Medical College of Georgia are exploring this possibility. There are about 400 libraries in the Ontyme network including the National Library of Medicine.

To use Ontyme, a library or group of libraries needs to join CLASS (Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services, 1415 Koll Circle, Suite, 101, San Jose, CA. 95112-4698; Telephone 408-289-1756). With one membership in CLASS at \$100/year, four additional accounts may be established so that five libraries could have separate ID's under one membership. Ontyme uses Tymeshare. Presently Tymeshare nodes in Georgia are located in Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome and Savannah. With a Tymeshare node in your city, an interlibrary loan request transmittal will average between 40-80 cents. This is based on a connect time charge of \$3/hour to which is added 25 cents per 1,000 characters sent, received or input. There is also a \$10 monthly billing charge payable only if the system is used during the month.

The Update will publish lists of GHSLA members in Ontyme and keep you up-to-date on electronic mail developments in our state. For more information, contact Jocelyn Rankin 912-744-2519.

"DRG: DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUPS"

Dr. Thomas L. German, an Orthopedic Surgeon in Savannah, spoke to the GHSLA on how Diagnosis Related Groups will affect hospitals. DRG's will pay the hospital on the diagnostic reason for hospital admission. The old system allowed hospitals to be paid according to cost. This change in payment is going to affect everyone. The prediction of thousands of hospitals closing may not be true, but it will affect what we do. For instance, DRG's do not compensate for a library. We will begin to question the need for private rooms, telephones and TV in each room. Dr. German thinks that hospitals will continue these services but it's going to be tight. What about quality? Dr. German stated that "no doubt physicians will maintain good quality for their patients and that you librarians will maintain good library services."

The Government is changing the rules. First there was PSRO then PRO and now DRG. Some things don't fit into DRG's such as Rehabilitation - it is still on a cost basis. The cost has to be shifted to private payers - and the private payers will not stand for this - they already have their schedules set.

Dr. German pointed out that the new trend is that the employer expects their employees to feel responsible for their own wellness. Thus, wellness programs are being offered.

RAC

RAC is the acronym for the Regional Advisory Council of the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services. The organization advises the RMLS in establishing programs and policies and also educates health professionals and health sciences librarians as to the services provided by SE/A RMLS

The membership in RAC is represented as follows: Five members from Resource Libraries; five members from health sciences libraries affiliated with state health sciences library associations; four members of the health professions; one member from an ALA-accredited library school, state library, or ancillary library network; and four members from functional groups which support the RMLS programs. Current members have been selected by the RMLS Executive Director and will serve for the duration of the current RMLS contract. In the future, however, associations will nominate candidates to RAC who will then be appointed by the Chairman.

Each RAC member is responsible for acting as a liaison between the RMLS and his or her professional colleagues in the region as a whole and particularly those colleagues in the member's state.

Good resource library centers are most important in accomplishing change.

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